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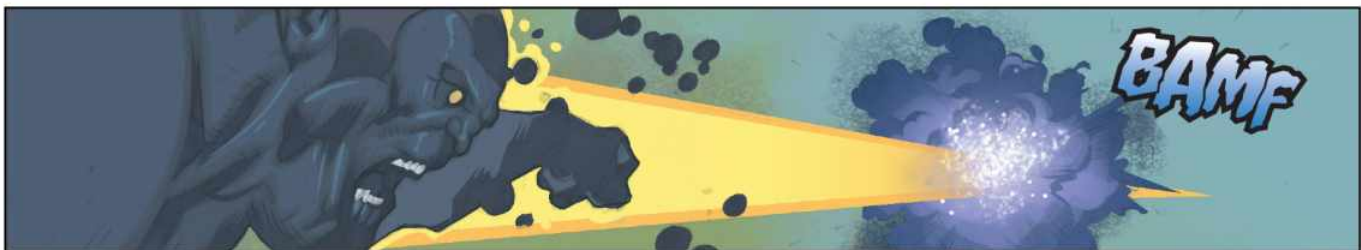
**MANIFEST
DESTINY**



PREVIOUSLY...

The shape-shifting alien Skrulls have begun their invasion of Earth. Although they expected heavy resistance along America's East Coast, home to many of Earth's mightiest heroes, they expected little in the American West. But the Skrulls were unaware that the X-Men had relocated to San Francisco in an effort to find a new haven for the remnants of mutantkind. Caught by surprise, the Skrulls took heavy casualties in their first offensive. But with a psychic blackout across the globe, the X-Men were cut off from reinforcements. And now the Super Skrulls have joined the battle!

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**SKRULL DREADNOUGHT
32402, TSURUD-VOR.**

COMMANDER
H'KURREK, THE BEACH-
HEAD IS ESTABLISHED,
AND ALL RESISTANCE
CRUSHED.

WE'VE
WON.

BEAM-CANNON
EMPLACEMENTS HERE AND
HERE, ON THE HIGH GROUND.
AND SECURE THE WATER
SUPPLY.

YES,
COMMANDER.

"WE'VE
WON." IS THAT
YOUR ASSESSMENT
OF THE SITUATION,
LIEUTENANT
JASH?

THE X-MEN
FLED FROM
US, COMMANDER.
WITH MANY
WOUNDED.

AND NOW
YOU THINK THEY'LL
STOP FIGHTING?
THEY WON'T.

THEY'LL *OPPOSE*
THIS OCCUPATION WITH
EVERYTHING THEY'VE GOT.
SO HOW SHOULD WE
RESPOND?

WE SHOULD--
MAINTAIN PERIMETER
SWEEPS, USING SEARCH-
DRONES SET TO
DETECT THE MUTANT
X-GENE.

GOOD. WE
WILL ALSO KEEP
THOUGHT-WALL AT FULL
STRENGTH, SO THE MUTANTS
CAN'T COMMUNICATE
TELEPATHICALLY.

DIVIDE AND
CONQUER, JASH.
SEED THE EARTH WITH
MINES AND THE SKY
WITH EYES.

AND LET
THEM COME
TO US.
AS
THEY ALWAYS
DO.



OKAY,
LISTEN UP, *ALL*
OF YOU.

YOU NEED
TO KNOW WHAT'S
HAPPENING.



THE *SKRULLS*
HAVE BLOWN UP OR
BLOCKED OFF ALL ROADS
OUT OF THE CITY. RAILHEADS,
AIRPORTS, HELI-PADS--
ALL LOCKED DOWN
TIGHT.

THEY'RE ALSO
MAINTAINING A *COMMS*
BLACK-OUT. NO PHONES.
NO RADIO OR TV. NO
WEB TRAFFIC.



WORSE-- FROM
OUR STANDPOINT--
THAT BLACK-OUT
EXTENDS TO *TELEPATHY*.
TOO. THE *SKRULLS*
HAVE SET UP A *PSI-*
BLOCKADE.

NONE OF US
CAN PROJECT OR
READ A THOUGHT
BEYOND TEN FEET. IT
HURTS EVEN TO
TRY.



BEAST AND ANOLE GOT US THESE
SHOTS OF THE *SKRULL MOTHER-*
SHIP. IT'S SERVICING TWO
DIVISIONS OF THEIR *INFANTRY*
AND ABOUT A HUNDRED OR SO
SMALLER SHIPS AND GUN
PLATFORMS.

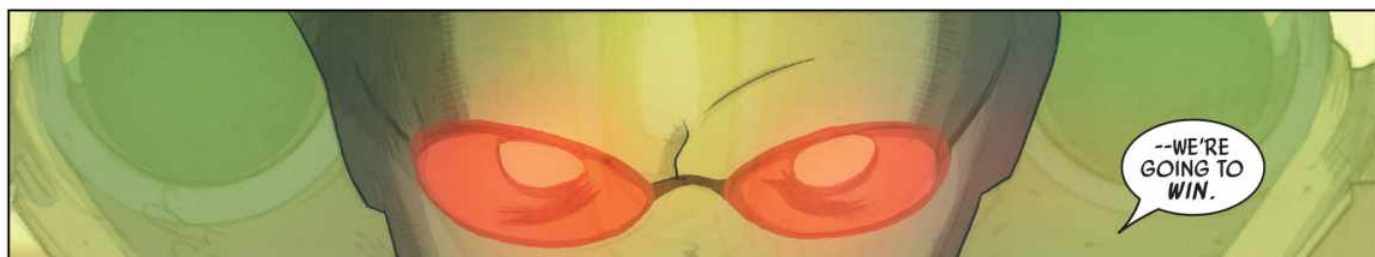
OUR ULTIMATE
TARGET--BUT ONLY
ONCE WE KNOW FOR
SURE WE'VE GOT A



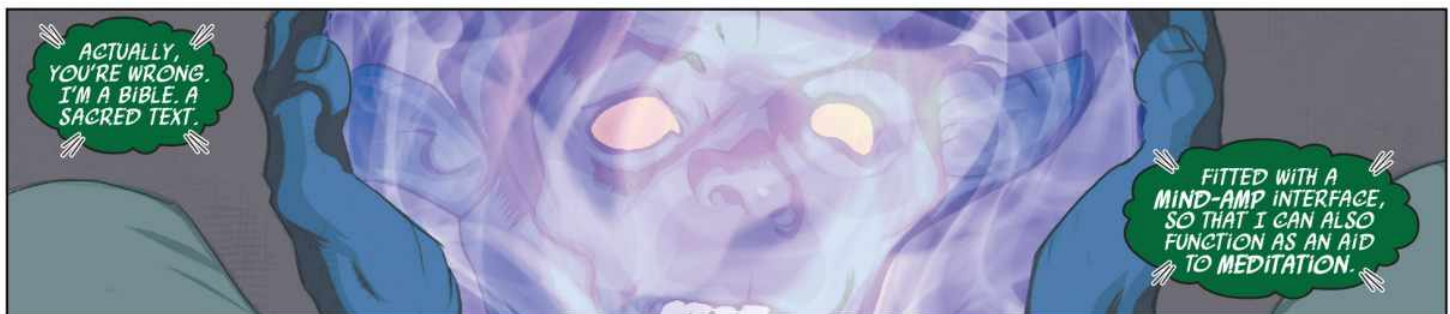
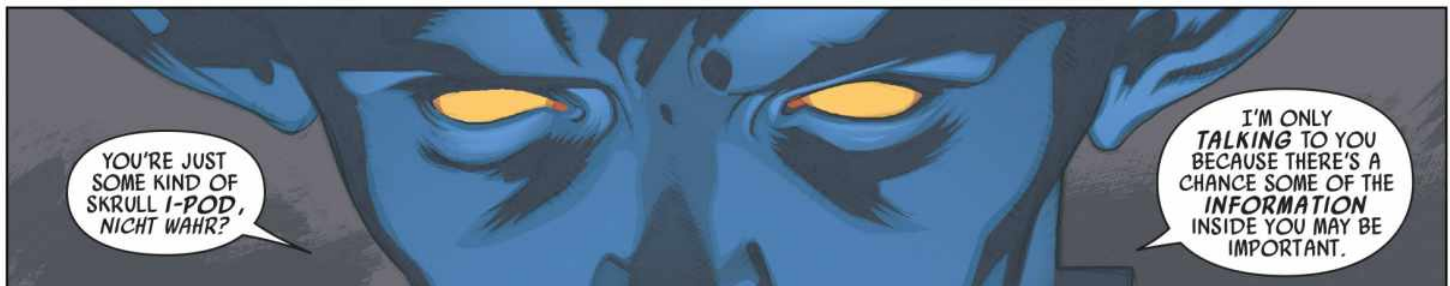
IN THE MEANTIME,
OUR TACTICS ARE HIT
AND RUN. *GUERRILLA*
RAIDS.

WE *HURT*
THEM IN A LOT OF
PLACES, AND WE KEEP
THEM TIED DOWN UNTIL
WE'VE GOT THE *INTEL*
WE NEED FOR A
MAJOR STRIKE.

FIRST SQUADS
ARE PREPPED AND
BRIEFED. YOU KNOW
WHO YOU ARE. BUT
EVERYONE'S









TWO BROTHERS
LIVED IN THE VALLEY
OF THE ESUL, ON
HOMEWORLD. THEIR
NAMES WERE BRONA
AND SKELD.

THEY WERE
FARMERS, AND THEY
PROSPERED BY THE
LABOR OF THEIR HANDS--
UNTIL THE DROUGHT
CAME, AND BURNED
THE LAND.

BRONA PRAYED
TO THE MOUNTAIN, TO
CAST ITS SHADOW OVER
HIS CROPS AND
PROTECT THEM.

SKELD PRAYED
TO THE RIVER, TO
FLOOD THE VALLEY
AND BRING LIFE
BACK TO HIS
FIELDS.

THE RIVER ROSE.
THE MOUNTAIN STAYED
WHERE IT WAS.

BRONA
BEGGED SKELD TO
GIVE HIM SOME OF HIS
BOUNTY, BUT SKELD
REFUSED.

"THEN
I'LL TAKE IT FOR
MYSELF!" BRONA
SAID.

THEY FOUGHT,
AND SKELD WAS
VICTORIOUS. FOR THE
RIVER IS MANY THINGS,
AND THE MOUNTAIN
IS ONE.

AND THAT
WHICH CHANGES IS
FOREVER HOLY.

THAT WAS
A PARABLE?

INDEED.
CONSIDER IT, AND
YOU WILL FIND TRUTH.
DID YOU NOT KILL
YOUR BROTHER, JUST
AS SKELD DID
OF OLD?

MY--YOU
MEAN STEFAN
SZARDOS? I--
I DIDN'T--



MISTER
WAGNER.
WE'RE
MOVING
OUT.

SKRULL MOBILE PACIFICATION UNIT 3.

YOU MAY NOT
LEAVE THE CITY.
GO BACK TO YOUR
HOMES.

YOU WILL
DISPERSE OR
YOU WILL BE
PUNISHED.

CAN WE
DISPERSE **AND**
BE PUNISHED?

WHAT??

I MEAN, DOES
IT HAVE TO BE AN
EITHER/OR KIND OF
DEAL? WHAT IF I
WANT **BOTH**?

YOU
WANT TO
DIE?

NOT NECESSARILY. I
JUST FEEL WE SHOULD
KNOW WHAT ALL THE
OPTIONS ARE.

THEN ALLOW ME TO
DEMONSTRATE.

WVWVWV

KRAK OOM

WOW.

LOOKS LIKE
WE SHOULD HAVE
GONE WITH **SET
MENU A.**









WHY DID
STEFAN SZARDOS
ASK YOU TO KILL
HIM, MY SON?

SHUT UP!

WAS IT
BECAUSE HE
FEARED HE WOULD
CHANGE? BE
CORRUPTED?



HE SHOULD
NOT HAVE FEARED.
CHANGE IS HOLY.
ONLY STAGNATION
BEGETS
EVIL.

YOU
UNDERSTAND THIS.
YOU MUTANTS ARE LIKE
US--CHILDREN OF
CHANGE, AGENTS OF
TRANSFORMATION.

WAS
IST--?



WE'RE
NOTHING LIKE
YOU! WE
DON'T--

KURT,
THEY'RE RIGHT
BEHIND
US.

COME ON,
MAN. LET'S
GO!



YOU
OKAY?

I'M FINE.

WHO
WERE YOU
TALKING TO
WHEN WE--?

I **WASN'T**
TALKING.

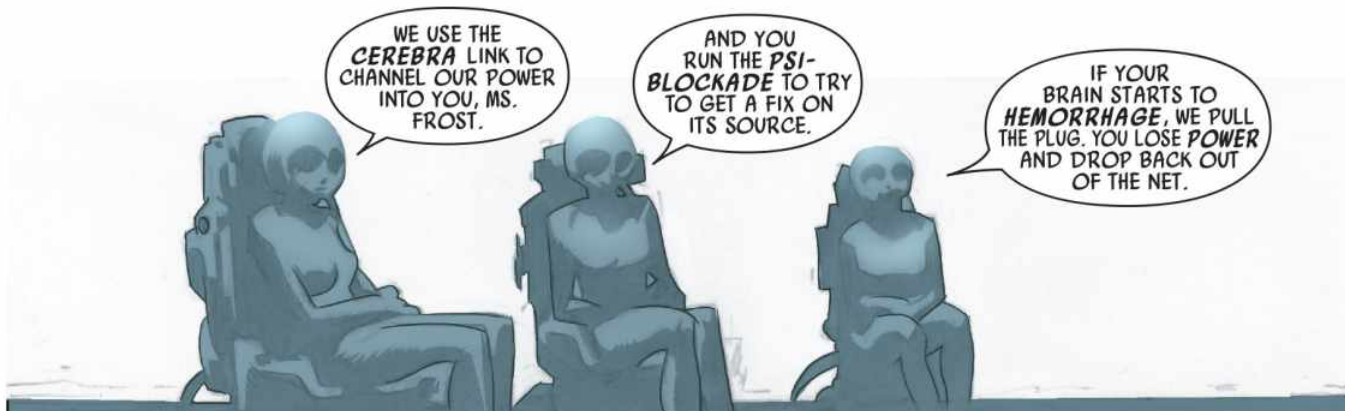


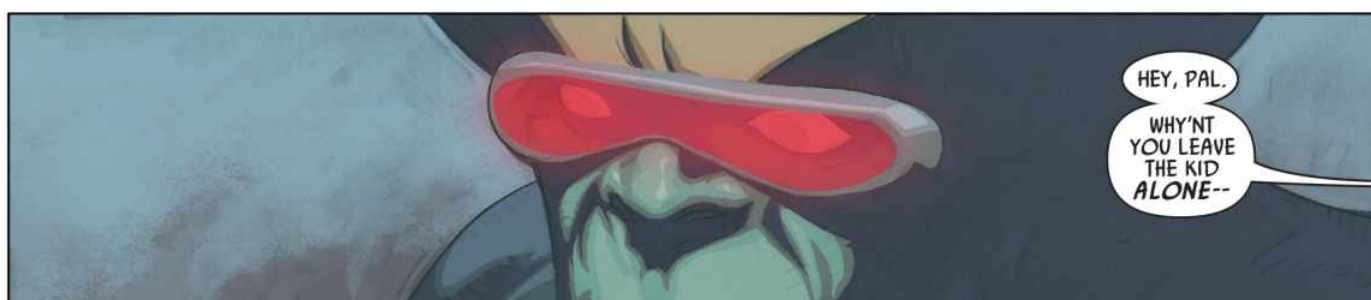
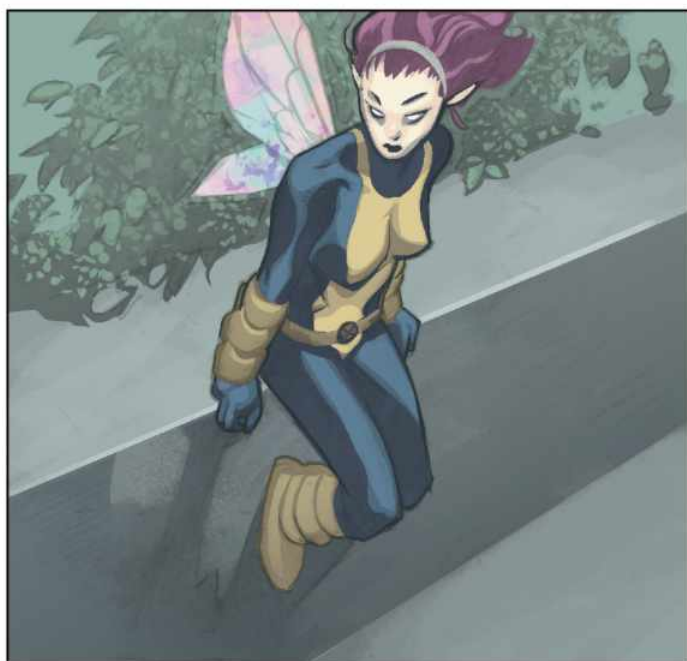
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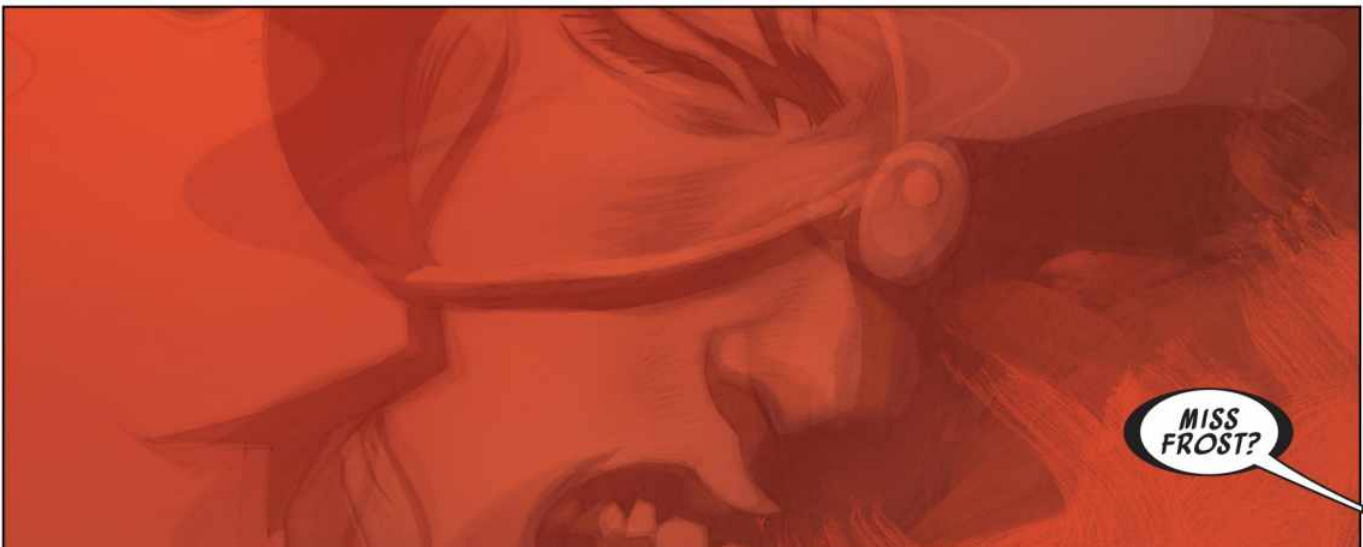
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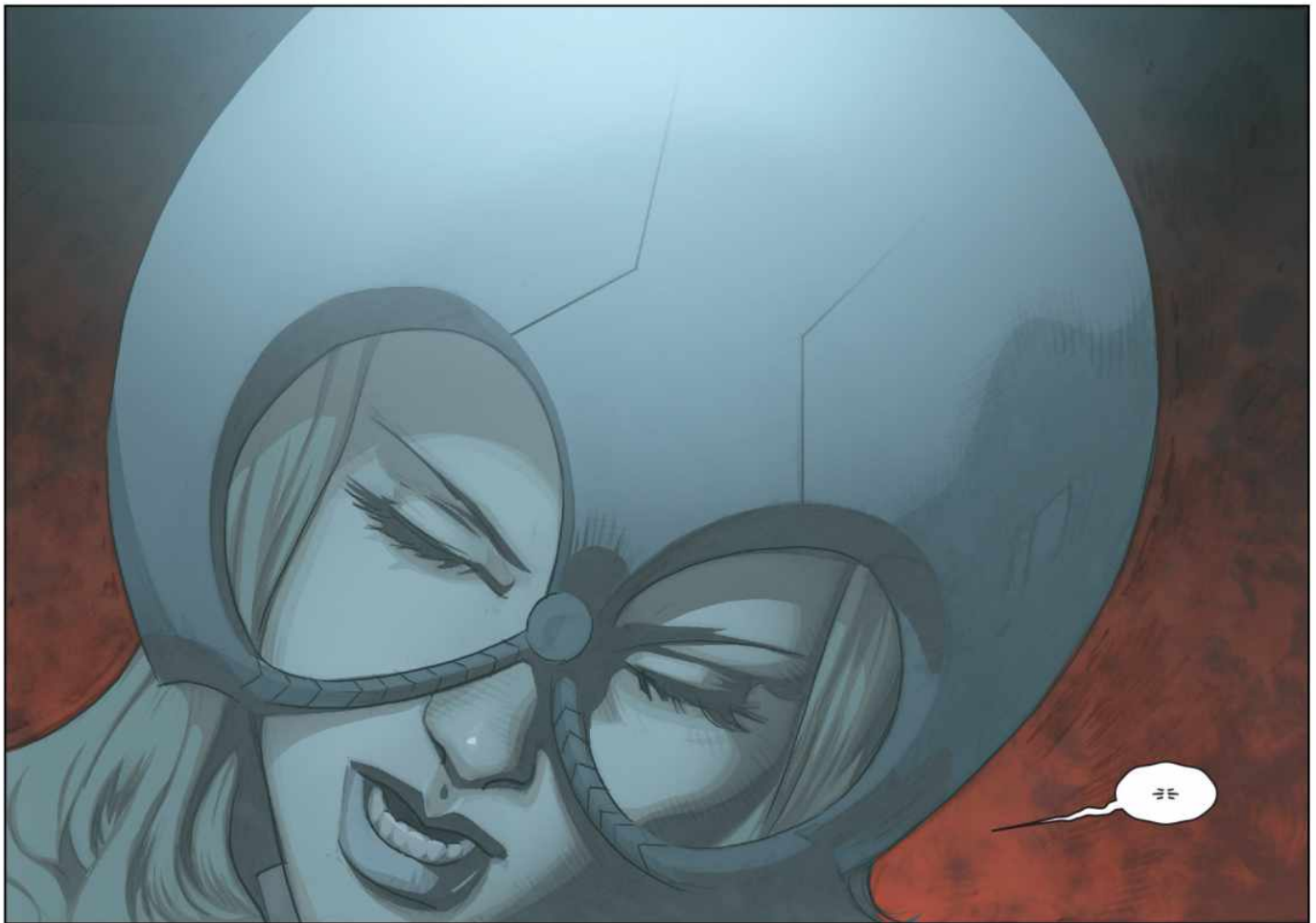














YE WERE A
BRAW *DECOY*,
MEGAN. WELL
DONE.

YOU'RE
WELCOME. WHO'S
THE METAL-WING
GUY? HE NEW?

YEAH...
THANKS FOR
THE HELP,
KID.



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